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# USD MAGAZINE

A close-up photograph of a man with a joyful expression, wearing a brown hat and a vibrant, multi-colored fringed shawl over a grey sweater. He is holding several large, dark, earthy potatoes in his hands. The background is a soft-focus green landscape.

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## *Opening the Earth*

Eric Ebner '11 finds **RESILIENCE, STRENGTH AND GRACE**  
in the heights of the **PERUVIAN ANDES.**



# FROM THE | PRESIDENT



[far-seeing]

## GAINING MOMENTUM

Vision, collaboration and accolades

Reflecting upon my first two years at the University of San Diego, I am very thankful for all of the support, advice and counsel from Torero family members, the local community and friends of USD. These opportunities for listening and dialogue have not only helped me personally, but have enabled me to better understand and appreciate the unique characteristics of the university.

Our *Envisioning 2024* strategic plan is the culmination of this collective thinking; it outlines the pathways and goals that distinguish USD from other great universities. Our efforts are helping to shape a clear vision for the future as we look ahead to our 75th anniversary in 2024, guided by Vice President Andrew Allen's leadership role in the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Initiatives. As part of this effort, we have created a strategic initiatives fund to pilot new ideas to help us achieve our vision. The entire campus — including students, faculty and staff — was asked to submit ideas for consideration. More than 70 proposals were received, which have since been narrowed down to 28 for further review and discussion. The review process will conclude early this year, when the initiatives that will be funded through this process are announced.

Also of note is the Renaissance Plan, which aligns the university's operations with the *Envisioning 2024* strategic plan, manifesting our shared responsibility to care for all that has been entrusted to us. As the most ambitious long-term building maintenance plan in USD's history, this 10-year plan will focus on reducing deferred maintenance projects, restoring select legacy buildings and strategic new construction.

Momentum for our ambitious vision is made possible by the success of *Leading Change: The Campaign for USD*. To date, \$278 million of our \$300 million goal has been raised. Part of that success is due to recent gifts, including the largest gift in the history of the School of Business, \$20 million from the USD Board of Trustees Chair, Don Knauss, and his wife, Ellie, to accelerate the construction of a new business school complex.

There have been several third-party accolades that acknowledge our continued progress and momentum. We were delighted to be named "the most beautiful campus in the nation" by *The Princeton Review*, as well as to be recognized as one of only 24 universities in the country to earn a perfect score on *The Princeton Review's Green Rating*, placing the university on that publication's prestigious *Green Honor Roll*. USD was named 10th in the nation as a Sierra Club "Cool School," an indication that we are ahead of the curve when it comes to sustainability. In the fall, *U.S. News & World Report* released its 2018 Best Colleges rankings; the University of San Diego remains the youngest independent university among the Top 100 institutions; USD ranked 52nd in the nation in the "Best Colleges for Veterans" category. Most recently, the *Open Doors Report* named us second in the nation for undergraduate participation in international study abroad among doctorate-granting universities.

These are just a few of the notable accomplishments of the university in 2017. As we begin the new year, we are excited to continue to work together to set the standard for an engaged, contemporary Catholic university where innovative Changemakers confront humanity's urgent challenges.

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ABOVE ALL OTHERS, THE SOLDIER PRAYS FOR PEACE.



# GOOD FOR BUSINESS

by Timothy McKernan

"It's an investment," he said, "in the young men and women who will attend this university and the School of Business in the years and decades to come."

will be located adjacent to the school's current headquarters, Olin Hall. Following construction of the new building, the two structures will comprise a consolidated business school complex.

The gift will be leveraged to raise additional resources for the complex, which will triple the School of Business footprint on the mesa. The project is expected to cost approximately \$67 million and be completed by 2022.

the decision by him and Ellie to make the gift.

"First, a strong belief in USD's mission of developing leaders who are dedicated to ethical behavior and compassionate service to others, most notably the people at USD who are committed to fulfilling the mission," he explained.

"Second, a belief in a free enterprise system that requires a creation of wealth and that it is done on an equitable and fair playing field so that everyone, regardless of background, has





BARBARA FERGUSON

an opportunity to maximize their God-given talents and to create that kind of path forward in business and for business leaders.

"And third, a belief that the School of Business — with Dean Jaime Alonso Gómez' leadership and a world-class faculty and staff — can really create the kind of servant business leaders that will ensure that the system works for everybody."

Dean Gómez said that consolidating its educational offerings into one location will by itself improve the quality of the educational experience. Having long ago outgrown its Olin Hall home, many faculty offices and classrooms are scattered throughout campus and in Alcalá West, at the bottom of the hill. He expressed gratitude to the Knausses for their dedication to the School of Business.

"The generosity that Mr. and Mrs. Knauss share with us today enriches and enhances our education with purpose. It takes our school to the next level in our capacity to serve," said Gómez.

"Our students, faculty and staff will enjoy an educational home that will make learning an intellectual delight. Our faculty and staff will work hand-in-hand to prepare 21st century, career-ready graduates. The collaborative spaces in the complex will assure an education that is innovative, international and integrity-based."

Don Knauss joined the USD Board of Trustees in 2008, while serving as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Clorox Corporation, where he had over all responsibility for directing the company's worldwide business, which generated some \$5.6 billion in fiscal year 2014. He retired from Clorox as Executive Chairman of the Board in 2015. His experience also includes serving as Executive Vice President and subsequently President and Chief Operating Officer for Coca-Cola North America, as well as various positions in marketing and sales with PepsiCo, Inc. and Procter and Gamble. Knauss also served as an officer in the United States Marine Corps.

In announcing the gift, USD President Jim Harris noted that Knauss is a recipient of the ROBIE Award for Achievement in Industry from the Jackie Robinson Foundation, in recognition of his work in cultivating a diverse workforce and promoting youth development.

Knauss referred to the major-league baseball legend and human rights icon as he spoke about what motivated him and his wife, Ellie, to give so generously. "A life is not important," Knauss quoted Robinson, "except in the impact it has on other lives." 🌐

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ANDREA ANDREANI, VIRGIN AND CHILD, C. 1591-93

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**SEVEN NEW PRINTS** were added this fall to USD's collection, thanks to generous supporters of the university. A group that included Director of University Galleries Derrick Cartwright, USD President James Harris, trustees Daniel Herbert '82, '86 and Susanne Stanford '75, along with trustee emeritus Robert Hoehn, traveled to New York to attend the International Fine Print Dealers Association Print Fair, returning with these new works. Among them was a chiaroscuro woodcut circa 1591 (pictured), and other pieces in a variety of media including engravings, etching and color aquatints, selected to enhance the academic experience for USD students. The Print Society has acted as the primary support group for the collection since 2013, enabling the most significant purchases to date. To learn more, go to [sandiego.edu/galleries](https://sandiego.edu/galleries).



Current and former members of the Founders Chapel Choir gathered to lift up their voices together during Homecoming and Family Weekend.

[harmonic]

# CHRONICLE OF A CANTICLE

A familiar refrain: finding family through music



CHRIS PARK

by Julene Snyder

Golden light filters through stained glass. The result is dust-mote-sprinkled rays of brilliance: indigo, magenta, violet. In late afternoon, Founders Chapel has a certain reverent hush about it, at least until members of the choir trickle in, greeting one another with hugs and laughter.

On this particular Friday — the kickoff to Homecoming and Family Weekend — the group

has expanded to include returning alumni from years past, gathered to sing one of the choir's all-time favorite songs, "Canticle of the Turning."

"Students just gravitate toward this song," explains Founders Choir Director Annette Welsh '79. "It's always been their favorite, so we end up singing it at graduation, at Candlelight Mass, our visits to the psychiatric hospital, to

the Marine Corps Recruit Depot."

Welsh feels the song epitomizes the message of not just the choir, but of the University of San Diego itself: "It's a song about reaching out and being there for others. It talks about our concern for each other, about reaching out past ourselves to others in our community."

Before launching into song, there are rituals to be followed,

many instituted over the years by Welsh, who has literally been a part of the choir since day one. There are vocal warm-ups ("mah-meh-mee-moh-moo" in ascending tones); the organic formation of singers and musicians into a tidy circle on the altar; the rushed scurry of the occasional latecomer welcomed with wordless waves; and familiar songs sung in rounds ("Swing Low, Sweet



Chariot"/"When the Saints Go Marching In").

After a bit — perhaps five minutes, maybe longer — hands are clasped, heads are bowed, a heartfelt prayer, a shared moment of tranquility, and then, it's time to begin. The lucky few who make up this melded choir can't help but be uplifted by the experience.

"'Canticle of the Turning' is one of my favorites," says Peter Bennett '97. While it's not unusual for the USD theology professor to be on campus, singing with the choir again is clearly special to him.

"Musically, it's got this strong, driving beat. And it's a version of the song of Mary and Luke, the Magnificat. When you combine the lyrics with the intensity of the music, you feel the message as much as you hear the message."

The song — and the choir itself — has lasting resonance for Rohanee Zapanta '98, '01 (JD) as well.

"I grew up in Southeast San Diego," she recalls. "It's a working-class neighborhood that didn't have a lot of affluence, one where not many people graduated from high school, let alone college." She wasn't sure she really belonged at USD when she moved onto campus as a first-year scholarship student.

"I wanted to leave," she says. A priest noticed that she was struggling and asked her what she had enjoyed doing back in her neighborhood. When she answered, "I used to sing in the choir," he knew just where to send her.

"When I first got to Founders Chapel Choir, Annette immediately welcomed me. I noticed that there didn't have to be conversation to make a connection. I really felt connected with everyone by singing and by our faith. There was that unspoken bond immediately. I stayed, and I loved it."

There's a similar heartfelt reaction from Jeanne (Pierik) Goodyear '79, who says that being back with the choir feels like coming home.

"Joining the young people singing is really a special event," she says. And to be lifting her voice with others to sing "Canticle of the Turning" is particularly meaningful. "It's a song that speaks about turmoil, and how God is watching over us in our lives. Especially now, with all the things that are going on in this world, it's a very optimistic, beautiful song."

Tracy (Zetts) Telliard '12, '16 (MEd) echoes that sentiment. She says that the choir was a huge part of her undergraduate experience; in fact, she's since organized the Founders Chapel Choir Alumni Affinity Group and leads her own church choir of high school students in Del Mar, California.

"It's a dream come true," she says. "Everything that I loved that Annette would do, well, now I try to do as well. I'm certainly not the only person that has gone into liturgical music after being in the Founders Chapel Choir. So many people have become directors, instrumentalists, singers. It carries on through and well past college."

And being back on campus is always a delight. "'Canticle of the Turning' is a really fun, high-energy song, and it comes up every year. We usually end Baccalaureate Mass with that song. Holding that last note — watching for that cue at the end — is something everybody has done."

For Welsh, bringing together current and past members of the choir has profound meaning. "To see our alums come back, without hesitation, and jump right in and sing this song with joy is a wonderful thing."

Once the last note has faded, it's time to disperse. At least a few can't help but linger a bit longer. But evening beckons, and the song, at least for now, is done. 🎵

📺 Watch a video of alumni and current students singing "Canticle of the Turning" at [sandiego.edu/canticle](http://sandiego.edu/canticle).

[real-life]

## THE FUTURE IS NOW

Torero Treks help chart career paths



ANNIE CONNORS

by Sofija Kresovich '18

Students waited patiently for the bus, excited — and a bit nervous. Their participation wasn't a given; it's a competitive process to be selected to attend one of USD's Torero Treks, which give students a real-world glimpse of specific career paths.

"The treks allow students to engage in career exploration by visiting companies in a specific region or industry," explains Career Development Center Assistant Director Sue Kelly.

November's marketing trek included three San Diego firms: Rescue, CPC Strategy and Red Door Interactive.

"I got to see companies in my field of interest, and the networking opportunities helped me secure connections," says fourth-year business major Nikki Barden.

Rescue, a full-service agency, provides research, strategy and experiential marketing to clients. Their current work focuses on curbing tobacco and alcohol abuse, obesity and violence. Senior Talent and Culture Manager Meghann Hanvey explained that

the company "has a passion for social good."

Red Door Interactive, a data-driven full-service marketing agency, helps businesses to leverage data by crafting "the right message for the right people in the right spots."

Trek participant Lorraine Hughes currently interns for Red Door. "I was inspired to apply after going on last year's Torero Trek, which really allows students to see what it's like to work here."

Students were given time to network before heading down the street to CPC Strategy, a digital retail marketing company that hones the online shopping experience. Second-year student Annabelle Steiner was a fan: "I love their company culture, and I felt comfortable in their work environment."

Torero Treks give students an authentic taste of both work environments and particular industries, arming them with tools they'll need to forge their way, postgraduation. 🎓

To learn more, go to [sandiego.edu/careers/treks](http://sandiego.edu/careers/treks).



The suffering of homeless families on the streets of San Diego has prompted USD trustee Peter Seidler to help expedite ways to immediately address the issue.

[go deep]

# RIGHT OUT OF THE PARK

Trustee Peter Seidler is working to help the homeless



SANDY HUEFAKER/CORBIS VIA GETTY IMAGES

by Timothy McKernan

Each Tuesday at 1:00 p.m., a group of San Diego civic leaders gather on the second floor of the Padres' Petco Park offices.

Called by Peter Seidler, the Padres managing partner and member of USD's Board of Trustees, the group hashes out a weighty problem: a humanitarian response to the American pandemic of homelessness that is especially prevalent in San Diego.

The region's Hepatitis-A outbreak — centered largely in the East Village homeless communities just a bad hop from the stadium *USA Today* recently called the most beautiful in baseball — drew national headlines.

Seidler had long ago grown impatient with the pace at which city government and social service agencies were addressing the problem. "It's time to act," Seidler told the *San Diego Union-*

*Tribune* in mid-2016. "There's been plenty of analysis done."

Seidler and restaurateur Dan Shea led the private effort to raise \$180,000 to purchase temporary housing — called tents but more closely resembling military barracks. Each tent structure can accommodate up to 250 people and includes sanitary facilities and health services.

Somewhat incredibly, Seidler has taken criticism for his efforts

from those who complain his compassion is more driven by the practical business motivation to remove a burgeoning homeless population from Petco Park's front yard. But Seidler's passion is personal.

The 56-year-old — named for his uncle, Peter O'Malley, the baseball visionary who played a formative role in transforming the Dodgers organization into a model of baseball success — is also a non-



Hodgkin's lymphoma cancer survivor. During chemotherapy treatments, Seidler would often relax by taking walks. Walking and sometimes jogging in the night, Seidler often covers a dozen miles or more. And he meets people.

"I'm on a first-name basis with all the convenience store owners," he says of his nighttime hikes in the neighborhood. "And It's hard not to notice the homeless. There are those who fit the stereotype — too stoned to talk, or with mental health issues — but I see a lot of young adults who have aged out of foster care, and the elderly. It's a human tragedy."

Seidler says the chemo treatments impacted his perspective to a greater degree than merely compelling him to walk, walk, walk.

"If you were prideful, you aren't after that experience," he says. "Like my disease, homelessness doesn't discriminate. I've met a lot of newly homeless, people who have lost jobs or had some personal event that put them on the street. They're fellow humans who hit hard times. It's hard not to see that and think: 'There but for the Grace of God go I.'"

Seidler and Shea worked with the Lucky Duck Foundation to fund and erect the two tents; one in East Village and one in the Midway district. Seidler says the tent structures are a bridge to the longer-term solutions being evaluated by the mayor and city council.

If the protracted political process of determining locations for the tents frustrates Seidler — and it does — it doesn't lessen his resolve to provide help to people living on the street.

"Every day that goes by when those tents aren't up, people suffer when they don't have to be suffering," he says. "Homeless people don't have a political action committee, and this is a real human crisis. We're going to keep working and making noise and hopefully helping people who need help." 📷



PEGGY PEATTIE

## [ get - together ]

**FORTY YEARS TO THE DAY** since the Zeta Pi chapter of Alpha Delta Pi sorority was chartered at USD, a few hundred sisters gathered on campus to mark the occasion on November 5. "We were the first sorority on campus. It was a really big deal at the time," recalls Jane Hoffner-DeLuca '84 (BA). Over the years, the group's alumnae have remained loyal to both the university and their own philanthropic endeavors, supporting the Ronald McDonald House and the Alpha Delta Pi Foundation. Founding sister and first Zeta Pi Chapter President Janet DeLoach (left) and current Zeta Pi Chapter President Gabriella Sardina '18 are pictured above.

## GIFTS AT WORK

**Torero Tuesday** found more USD alumni, parents and friends than ever before coming together on the global day dedicated to giving back. To date, donors have made more than 780 gifts totalling in excess of \$242,600 for campuswide support. Those who donated \$55 or more received a limited-edition pair of USD-branded socks. It's not too late to get your own pair. To make your belated gift, go to [ToreroTuesday.sandiego.edu](http://ToreroTuesday.sandiego.edu).

**Phillip and Michelle Robbibaro** — parents of Eric '16 and Ryan '18 — made a \$50,000 pledge to name one of the new faculty offices in the planned Phase Two facilities renovation in the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering. The remodel will transform the former campus bookstore into new academic studios for cyber security, design thinking and mechanical engineering, a new industry conference room and new faculty offices.

**The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of San Diego** created the new endowed Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of San Diego County Memorial Scholarship Fund. The fund will provide scholarships to deserving and qualified undergraduate students at USD who are studying abroad in Ireland.

**Several members of the School of Law's** class of 1979 met the 2016 and 2017 recipients of their Class of 1979 Merit Scholarship at an unofficial reunion in December. Established in 2016, the scholarship fund is part of *Leading Change: The Campaign for USD*, and was spearheaded by law school campaign committee member Virginia C. Nelson '79 (JD).



Maya Hood '17, a sixth-year medical redshirt, has a good chance of setting records for USD women's basketball this year.

[triumphant]

# WONDERFULLY MADE

The continuing saga of women's basketball star Maya Hood



MARSHALL WILLIAMS

by Don Norcross

On the far west side of the USD campus sits the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice. Behind the building is a reflection pool that bubbles with the soothing sound of flowing water.

"My favorite place on campus," comments Maya Hood '17 (BA), a sixth-year women's basketball player and graduate student.

Atop a hillside, the garden offers a spectacular view of Mission Bay and the Pacific Ocean. It's tranquil and serene. More than

once, Hood has retreated to the spot to reflect on her life.

"My thoughts are that I should write a book," says Hood.

She arrived at Alcalá Park in 2012 with her twin sister, Malina. As a first year, Maya averaged 10.3 points, was second on the team in scoring and was named the West Coast Conference's Newcomer of the Year.

Late that season, days before turning 20, she became pregnant. In June of that year, her older brother, Saron Hood, a for-

mer wide receiver at the University of Buffalo, collapsed while playing basketball and died. He was diagnosed with a thickening of heart walls that causes blockage of blood flow.

Amidst the turmoil, for a nano-second, Hood considered all her options. But she knew the right thing to do was to have her son.

"The biggest thing, for me, is deep down I knew he deserved to have a life," says Maya.

Elijah Alexander Ayala turned 4 in November. With Alexander,

he shares Saron's middle name.

In December 2016, Hood was enjoying what she thought would be her final season at USD. She was averaging 18.1 points, 8.1 rebounds and 2.8 steals, tops on the team in all three categories.

But in the ninth game, she suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament and meniscus tear to her right knee, ending her season.


"I could have given up, crumbled, walked away, but I wanted to keep going. Not only for myself but for my son. And I knew it was something my brother would want me to finish."

Hood was granted a sixth season of eligibility by the NCAA as a medical redshirt.

USD head coach Cindy Fisher says, "I have never seen Maya have a bad day, ever. She is one of the strongest people I've ever been around."

Hood has a chance to set USD career records in scoring, rebounding and steals. She earned her undergraduate degree last May and is now pursuing a master's degree in leadership studies.

She plans on playing professional basketball in Europe when her career at USD is complete. Child care will be one of the provisions of her contract.

To celebrate her graduation, Hood had a tattoo inked onto her right forearm. It reads, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." 



# GETTING TO KNOW ...



ZACHARY BARRON

## CAMERON NEUBAUER

**HOMETOWN:** Berlin, Germany.  
**POSITION:** For-

ward. Started all 31 games his junior season. **RITUAL IS HABITUAL:** Many athletes have cherished game-day traditions. Baseball Hall of Famer Wade Boggs was legendary for his pre-game rituals of a chicken dinner, always taking batting practice at 5:17, running sprints at 7:17 and drawing the word "Chai" (Hebrew for "life") in the dirt before coming up to bat. Neubauer's routine isn't as elaborate but is no less sacred. Before every game, "I take a 20-minute nap and watch an episode of *Family Guy*." **SPEAKING OF FAMILY:** Neubauer's basketball successes are considerable, but they don't earn him bragging rights even among his own relatives. His grandfather was an original member of the Dallas Cowboys and played 10 years in the NFL before another long career as an NFL coach. His dad swam for the German National Team and qualified for the 1988 Olympics. His mom played professional basketball in Europe, and two uncles played college football. **AMAZON CAN'T DELIVER EVERYTHING:** Upon arriving, Neubauer scoured San Diego for a place that served bratwurst like he knew back in his native Germany. "I've given up," he says. "It's like trying to find a really authentic burger outside the U.S. It's just not the same." So he literally took matters into his own hands. "I got a grill and cook up my own," he says. "A lot of the guys on the team have finally tasted their first real brat."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

**Join fellow USD rowing alumni,** family and friends in celebration of the 40th anniversary of rowing at USD. San Diego Crew Classic weekend kicks off with dinner at the Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice's Garden of the Sea on Saturday, March 24. The festivities continue the next morning, at the USD tent at the crew classic races at Mission Bay. To learn more about both events, call the athletic development office at (619) 260-5917 or email [athleticsdevelopment@sandiego.edu](mailto:athleticsdevelopment@sandiego.edu).

**Junior Alex Hubel,** a member of the Torero swim team, broke two school records at the Husky Invite in early December. She posted a 54.55 in the 100-yard butterfly for the first school record; then she broke a 17-year-old Torero record in the 200 fly with a time of 2:00.29. From Boulder, Colorado, Alex is also a member of two relay teams that own USD school records in the 200 medley relay and 800 free relay.

**The 40th Sports Banquet,** the flagship fundraising event held annually for Torero Athletics, is set for Thursday, May 10, inside the Jenny Craig Pavilion. Funds raised at the annual Sports Banquet help to support all Torero Athletics programs through its annual fund. 2017's sold-out banquet was a huge success, raising more than \$175,000, the highest net dollars ever raised at the event. With a need to raise \$2.5 million each year to provide our student-athletes with a top Division I experience, the support of sponsors, guests, alumni and friends of USD Athletics is vital.



Jessica '09 and Joshua '08 Denton have been together for more than a decade; the couple says that their faith has helped get them through difficult times.

[love story]

# OPPOSITES ATTRACT

Best friends build a happy marriage and a blossoming business



by Crystal Peterson '10 (BA)

Most love stories begin when couples meet and sparks fly. This was not the case for Jessica '09 and Joshua '08 Denton.

Jessica describes their first interaction when they met as students: "We met the week before school started. My friends and

I were walking back to our dorm rooms after an orientation event. While that night ended up being a lot of fun, Josh and I did not hit it off," she recalls. "As a matter of fact, we were total opposites. He was talkative and energetic, while I was shy and timid."

Given preconceived notions,

they didn't realize until they ran into one another later and started talking that they had a lot in common: both were first generation college students and were part of close-knit families. Eventually, Josh worked up the courage to ask Jessica out.

"Well, he tricked me into a

date," she recalls. "He asked me to stop by his dorm for help with a paper. When I showed up, he asked me if I was hungry and said we should go get something to eat. Next thing I knew, we were at Fashion Valley buying movie tickets. A few weeks later, Josh asked me to be his girlfriend."



That was more than a decade ago. They've been together ever since.

Looking back at their days on campus, camaraderie with friends still shines bright. "I would say playing football and rooming with my best friend from high school, Fred Montgomery '09 (BS/BA) stands out," says Joshua. "We literally experienced everything together, from winning our first football championship to late night study sessions to pranking Public Safety. Fittingly, he ended up being the best man at our wedding."

Now an elementary school teacher, Jessica chose her career because of how much she enjoyed tutoring others as a student at USD.

"It never felt like a job to me, because it was fun. Before my father passed, he encouraged me to choose a career path I would enjoy for years to come. And today, I still look forward to seeing my students daily."

Since graduation, Jessica earned an MEd from UC San Diego and is currently pursuing a doctorate in leadership studies from USD. Josh expects to complete his MBA this spring; he's thinking about teaching business classes. Clearly, other traits the couple shares are drive and ambition.

Sadly, another commonality the couple shares was that they both lost fathers to cancer. "We couldn't wrap our minds around the fact that cancer and other illnesses continue to take the lives of so many peoples' loved ones," says Jessica. "So, we started educating ourselves."

The pair started researching the ways that diet plays a role in the body's ability to remain healthy and ward off foreign invaders. They began learning about "superfoods" and how they can boost immune systems by creating an internal environment that can help to eliminate cancer cells and encourage them to remain dormant.

As they began their own new

dietary regimen, they quickly realized there weren't many products that supported their busy, health-conscious lifestyle. Kitchen experimentation began.

"Meal prepping became our Sunday ritual," Jessica recalls. "Josh started calling me the 'mad scientist.' But one day I created a concoction that Josh said gave him a sustainable energy and kept him alert and focused all day. We knew we weren't the only ones looking for handmade vegan drinks that supported healthy living."

In 2016, they launched Beyond Brew, a beverage company that delivers energy and nutrition while promoting health and well-being. While Jessica crafts new recipes, Josh handles the marketing. As they work to expand their business, they hope to generate enough revenue to launch a charity that spreads the mantra "let food be thy medicine" in underserved communities.

"Now we sell our beverages at local markets. With our growing fan base and the continued support of our friends and family, we hope to continue expanding in San Diego," says Jessica. "Our mission not only includes supporting health and well-being, but educating people on the benefits of healthy eating."

As they pursue their business venture, they take care to make the health of their marriage a priority.

"Make sure you're best friends," advises Jessica. "You have to be able to be silly together by doing the things that make you laugh. We've been through some emotionally difficult times. Losing our fathers to cancer was an incredibly difficult time in our lives. Praying and placing our faith in God was something that kept us afloat. Praying for guidance, an open heart and will has kept us strong." 🍷

Submit your own Torero Love Story at [toreronetwork.sandiego.edu/featuredtorero](http://toreronetwork.sandiego.edu/featuredtorero).

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**A record \$1.3 million raised for student scholarships**

**T**he delicate notes of a piccolo, mixed with the ratta-tat-tat of a snare drum, alerted guests that this was no ordinary Founders Gala. USD's signature black-tie fundraising event, held on Nov. 11, 2017, was attended by a record-topping 600 guests and raised an unprecedented net revenue of \$1.3 million.

This year's event grew the Founders Endowed Scholarship Fund that was established at the inaugural gala in 2009, and established a new, endowed scholarship fund dedicated to student veterans.

"On this very special Veterans Day, we honor the students, alumni and countless other men and women around the world who served in the military and vowed to protect our country and the freedoms on which it was founded," President James T. Harris III, DEd, said at the event. "Tonight is about establishing and enhancing scholarships that can change the lives of our students who, in turn, can change the world." 🇺🇸







**Highlights from the 2017 Founders Gala:** **1)** President Jim Harris and Board Chair Emerita Darlene Marcos Shiley. **2)** After-party guests Ted and Sophia Samouris, Rosemarie Spencer and Victor '84, '88 (JD) and Luisa Torres. **3)** Rear Admiral Yancy B. Lindsey '01. **4)** USD student drummer John Nevin '20 heralded the call to dinner. **5)** The perfect setting for a delicious three-course meal. **6)** Bill Riley, Jenny Craig and USD's Vice President of Mission and Ministry, Monsignor Daniel Dillabough '70. **7)** Andreanna '98, '01 and Hometown Hero Michael '99 Murphy. **8)** The Torero Treasures Silent Auction featured priceless experiences and one-of-a-kind items. **9)** The Missing Man Table honors missing members of the military. **10)** Honorary Gala Chair Maj. Gen. William M. Matz Jr. (Ret.) '73 and his wife, Linda, at the VIP Reception. **11)** USD's Naval ROTC Honor Guard presented the colors.

See a video of the evening at [sandiego.edu/2017-gala](http://sandiego.edu/2017-gala).



# Taking off the Training Wheels

by Michael Lovette-Colyer '13 (PhD)

## Teaching undergraduates to appreciate theology is a balancing act

*Illustrations by Greg Shed*

"One, two, three ... pedal!"

With my right hand on the back of the bike seat, I accelerate from a brisk walk to a slow trot. Moving this way requires me to bend over in a way that's surprisingly uncomfortable — resulting in significant pain in my lower back and legs.

The bike was the big gift this Christmas. Not just any bike; this is the Hello Kitty pedal bike. Ella had been cruising around the neighborhood on a scoot bike for more than a year. When December came and talk turned to wish lists, the Hello Kitty pedal bike rose to the top.

This presented my partner and me with a dilemma: The bike Ella wanted came with training wheels. And Ella, we knew, needed those training wheels. Yet four-and-a-half years of raising her helped us to know that, in her imagination, she would jump on the bike on Christmas morning and immediately keep up with her older cousin.

So, do we leave the training wheels on and risk a disappointed daughter on Christmas morning? Or do we take them off and risk a trip to the hospital Christmas afternoon?

The training wheels stayed on.







Having overcome her initial unhappiness by promising her that as soon as she was ready, we would take the training wheels off for good, it's now time to deliver on that promise. So I bend over, in no small amount of pain, and begin to run alongside her.

"Dad. Dad. Dad! Don't let me go!" I keep running — curved over in that convoluted and contorted way, tweaking my back, struggling to guide her around the other families at the park. She keeps saying, "Don't let me go," even as I poise to take my hand away and let her propel herself, all the while running right beside her to catch her if — when — she loses her balance.

In the midst of the sweat and stress of this moment, it occurs to me: This is who God is; this is what God does. God runs alongside us, accompanies us in our

own. When she realizes this, she panics for an instant, and then she takes off. Pumping her legs, off she goes, accelerating away from me, riding her bike on her own, smiling and squealing with delight.

"Dad! Don't let me go!" has become, "Dad! Watch me go!"

I stop, straighten up and watch in wonder. Look at her go.

This is the God I want the students in my Introduction to Catholic Theology courses to encounter.

The God who, in the first creation account in Genesis, looks upon all creation and proclaims it good; and, after the appearance of human beings, "very good." The God who, in all three synoptic Gospels, announces, "You are my Beloved, with you I am well pleased." The God who, rather than being the bearded judge in the sky, is imagined by St. Paul as

dynamic flow of loving relationships, a "relentless outpouring force that is the divine dance."

The God whose very nature, according to theologian Catherine LaCugna, is "to seek out the deepest possible communion and friendship with every last creature on this earth."

Many of my students, however, are not interested in considering who the God is that they do or do not believe in. Instead, they often see Introduction to Catholic Theology as a hoop to jump through, perhaps even a burden to bear, until they can get on to what they myopically believe to be real business of their education.

For them, who God is and what God is or is not like is not a pressing concern. Many of them are the "nones" who are "on the rise" — the one-third of all college-aged Americans that the Pew Research Center reports do not identify with a religious affiliation. Others were raised in, and still identify with, a faith

higher education, I start with a question: "Does everything happen for a reason?"

In my years of working with and teaching college students, I've learned that a clear majority respond affirmatively — everything, they say they believe, does happen for a reason.

This phrase resonates with college students in a deep way. After all, by the time they reach campus, they most likely have experienced at least one mild or moderate disappointment, perhaps one that felt crushing at the time, but which eventually yielded to something better that they never could have imagined. Perhaps it was the loss of a good friendship or the end of their first romantic relationship. Maybe a physical injury necessitated the premature end of participation in a beloved sport. As a way of interpreting my students' lived experience, "everything happens for a reason" seems to have a lot going for it.

Mild and moderate challenges, however, are not the only kind. Even before graduating high school or during their time on campus, some students face much more severe misfortunes. The divorce of their parents. The death of a grandparent, sibling or friend. A debilitating mental illness.

And what about tragedies? A loved one suffering for years with cancer before dying much too young? Hurricanes, earthquakes and other natural disasters? The extreme poverty that plagues so many people across the globe? Does anyone really want to say that such things "happen for a reason?"

When I put these kinds of questions to students, they often backtrack. A little. They agree it is impossible to know and inappropriate to suggest that there is a reason for the pain and suffering

"This is what God does.  
God runs alongside us,  
accompanies us in our fear  
and anxiety and need."

fear and anxiety and need. At whatever speed and in whatever

position necessary, God labors to be beside us, ready to catch us in love; and yet, God waits, hopes, longs for that magical moment when we'll catch our balance and ride off on our own.

"Dad! Don't let me go!" Ella keeps saying this even as she begins to get it. She repeats this mantra without noticing that I have in fact let go, and that she is riding on her

the "One in whom we live and move and have our being."

The One who is running beside us, holding onto us and allowing us to hold on until "Don't let me go!" becomes "Watch me go!"

The God who, Richard Rohr argues in *The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation*, is not a "Supreme Monarch" or "Critical Spectator" but instead a

tradition, yet essentially relate to higher education as a commodity, a credential they are purchasing with the goal of maximizing short-term return on investment.

In an effort to meet students where they are, and to entice them into an appreciation for the richness and relevance of theology as well as an expanded understanding of the true purpose of



caused by extreme events or circumstances. Yet, the majority are unwilling or unable to adjust the phrase in order to craft one more consistent, more comprehensive, more reflective of the inherent complexity of life. No matter what potential calamity I describe, many students hold fast to their faith in "everything happens for a reason."

But "everything happens for a reason" is a safety device, not dissimilar to those training wheels Ella didn't want and didn't think she needed. I tell my students that, if they are to truly get what they are paying for, if they really want an actual education, they are going to have to take those training wheels off — they will need to ask hard questions without the comfort of tidy, pre-packaged answers. They are going to have to rediscover a bit of the freedom and verve they had as new bike-riders, and take a risk.

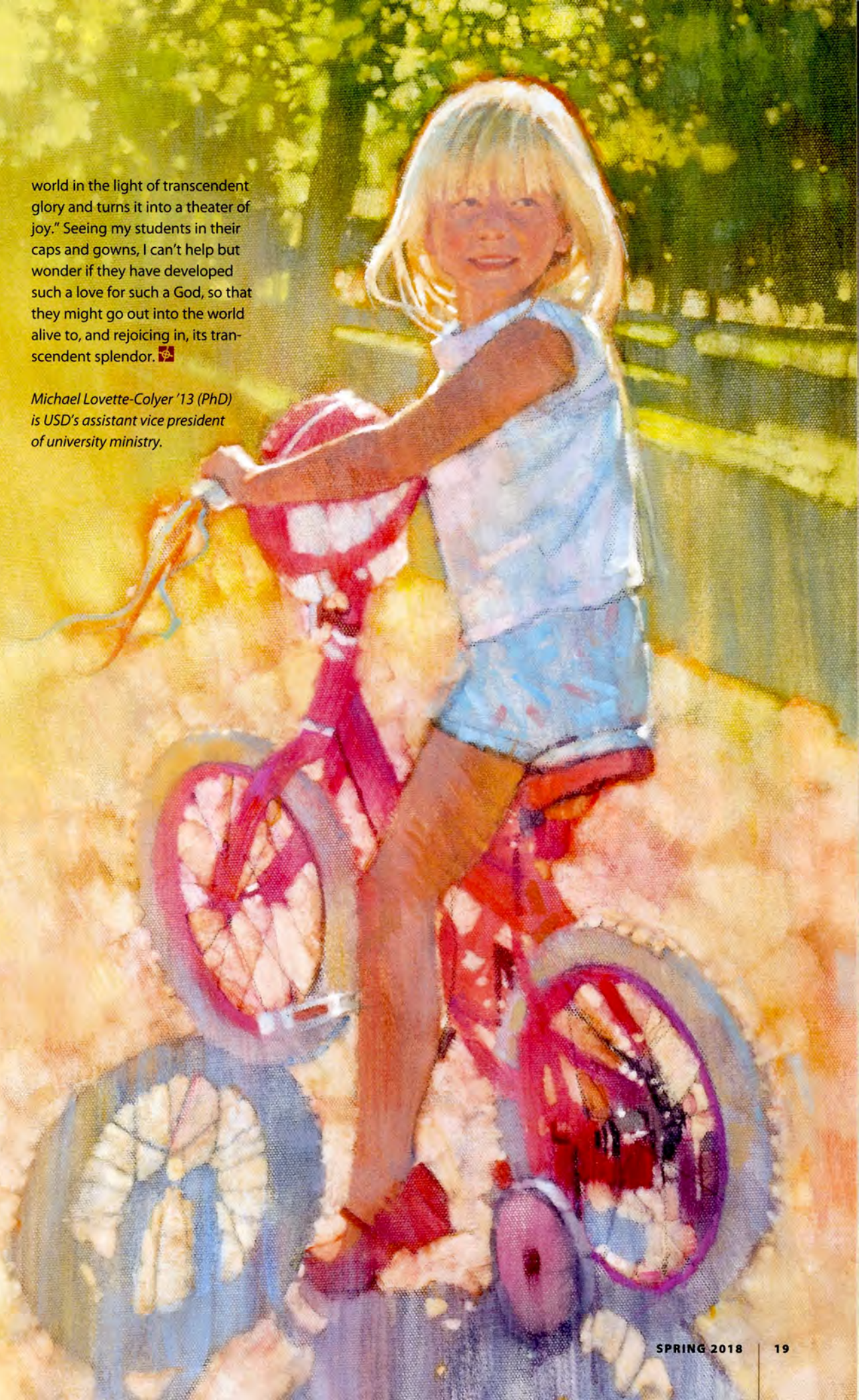
"Does everything happen for a reason?" might then lead to, "Who am I? What do I want? What is the purpose of my life? Why do bad things happen to good people? Why do I act like a selfish jerk, even to the people I love most? Is there anything more to life than what I can see, hear, touch and see? Why and how should I invest in a world that breaks my heart?"

Every commencement season prompts me to pause and reflect about my students. When I watch them walk across the graduation stage to receive their diplomas, I am sure they are ready to meet the demands of the marketplace. I am less certain they realize how much more is involved in living an extraordinary life.

In his recent book, *Flourishing: Why We Need Religion in a Globalized World*, Miroslav Volf writes, "The right kind of love for the right kind of God bathes our

world in the light of transcendent glory and turns it into a theater of joy." Seeing my students in their caps and gowns, I can't help but wonder if they have developed such a love for such a God, so that they might go out into the world alive to, and rejoicing in, its transcendent splendor. 🌟

*Michael Lovette-Colyer '13 (PhD) is USD's assistant vice president of university ministry.*







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USD must provide new learning spaces, make way for new programs, bring teams together and attract the best and brightest students.

***Leading Change: The Campaign for USD***  
**has achieved \$278 million of its goal.**



## School of Business Prepares Leaders of Tomorrow

*The recent \$20 million leadership gift from USD Board Chair Donald Knauss and his wife, Ellie, will help us to meet pressing challenges as we launch the final planning and construction of a new USD School of Business complex. This gift, which enriches and enhances our school, takes us to the next level in our capacity to serve. The timing couldn't be better.*

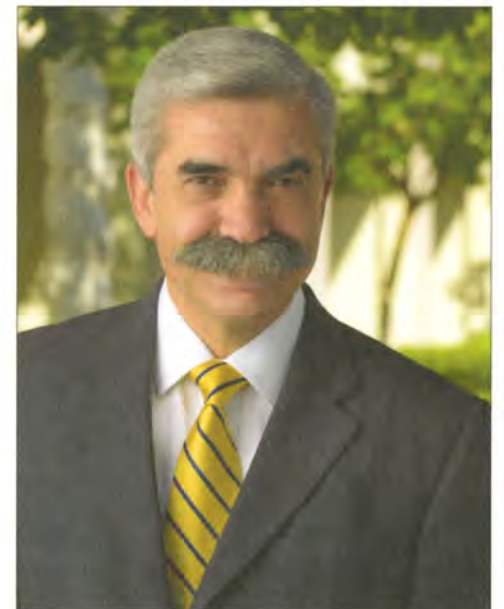
who positively transform lives and communities. Our graduates will be poised to become agents of change who create value for business and society in sustainable ways, while serving as engaged, globally minded and ethical decision-makers.

As we enter into the second part of our 2017-2018 academic year, we are excited to face the future, no matter how uncertain it may seem. Let us work, learn and build futures together.

— **Jaime Alonso Gómez, PhD**  
Dean and Professor of Management

We are in a new era of business. Among its markers is a business environment marked by changes in technology that are happening practically at the speed of light; a rapid and ever-growing flow of capital and labor across continents; the simultaneous economic and social integration and disintegration of trade agreements between nations; a series of unexpected and devastating natural disasters; and the pronounced differences between rich and poor nations.

Times like these call for innovative measures. Our faculty and staff are committed to offering an education that enables and empowers our students as internationally competitive and socially responsible leaders. We are determined to educate Changemakers







# Terminal Need

Giving business students essential tools needed to compete globally

*While it may look like just another computer, the Bloomberg Terminal is a vital resource for finance and international business.*

After all, most laptops don't process one hundred billion data messages a day from some fifty million streams of data, and then provide the user with an array of tools to analyze that data and put them to work.

The secret is in the software. Bloomberg Terminals are the gold standard for industry data analysis. Professionals who prove their efficiency with the program by earning a Bloomberg Market Concepts certificate send a very positive signal in virtually any recruitment process.

Currently, USD business students have to trek from the school's Olin Hall to Copley Library in order to access the lone Bloomberg Terminal on campus.

Dean Jaime Alonso Gómez has made a Financial Services Lab a centerpiece of the school's *Leading Change: The Campaign for USD* wish list. Rather than a single terminal tucked away in the library, Gómez envisions a space — a financial markets trading room — with at least 12 terminals.

"Students studying investments, derivatives, international finance and financial statement analysis would make extensive use of that resource, and that's just the tip of the iceberg," Gómez says. "The study of finance now has more than 400 students and is now the school's, and USD's, largest major. At the MBA level, more than one-half of all full-time

students declare an emphasis in finance. We recently added a master's program in finance. All of these students take courses that require a Bloomberg Terminal. One terminal just isn't enough."

Finance professor and chair of the finance and real estate department Shreesh Deshpande agrees that the terminals are needed.

"Bloomberg Terminals are used by financial institutions all over the world," he says.

"They're essential to developing trading and risk-management strategies for running simulations of stock portfolios to maximize return given a level of portfolio risk. They are a very powerful tool."

Gómez says the school set a goal of \$2.5 million to create and permanently endow the School of Business Financial Services Lab. That figure would include yearly leasing fees for a dozen terminals and a graduate student assistant to staff the lab.

"The lab is crucial to our strategic plan," he says. "It would ensure our students have the chance to become Bloomberg certified, which will help them find jobs in financial services and prepare them to perform at a high level right away. It will give School of Business professors the freedom to enhance classroom work, and it will help ensure that we stay on par with the finest business schools in the nation." — **Timothy McKernan**

**School of  
Business Goal:**  
\$76.9 Million

 **Current Use**  
**\$2.1M**

The School of Business has raised \$10.4 million for projects such as the establishment of an Institute for Finance, Education and Research and real-world projects that will enhance the student experience.

 **Endowment**  
**\$29.8M**

With \$3.9 million raised so far, the School of Business has ambitions to establish new endowed chairs, a financial services lab, endowed professorships, scholarships and much more.

 **Capital Projects**  
**\$45M**

An expansion and renovation for the School of Business Complex is at the heart of our efforts to raise funds for capital projects. To date, \$21 million has been raised.

**The School of Business has raised \$35.3 million of its goal.**



# Breaking New Ground

*We extend a warm welcome to you from our beautiful campus at Alcalá Park overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The University of San Diego's Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science is truly a special place. For more than 40 years, the school has been on the cutting edge of graduate nursing education.*

Our faculty is a cadre of internationally recognized scholars and clinicians with a profound commitment to excellence. All of our full-time professors are doctorally prepared, and six are Fellows of the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN). The FAAN designation is among the highest honors that nurses can achieve. It is recognition by their peers of having made outstanding contributions to nursing.

The school has a rich heritage of providing innovative, successful programs and is a leader in expanding nursing science and practice, regionally and nationally. We pioneered doctoral nursing education in Southern California, and our PhD and DNP graduates hold national leadership positions.

At the Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science, our focus is on our students. Our academic programs are second to none, and our passion for nursing excellence informs everything we do.

The new Beyster Institute for Nursing Research illustrates our commitment to the expansion of nursing education in both nursing research and clinical practice. USD nursing will continue to focus and expand on areas of health care critical to the region and the nation: military health, particularly brain injuries; palliative and hospice care; women's and children's

health, aging and cognition; telemedicine; and health care for underserved populations.

We are a community of diverse faculty and students from many countries, faith traditions and nursing backgrounds, united by a dedication to nursing as a force for social change. We are eternally grateful to all who are investing in our vision.

— **Dr. Jane M. Georges, PhD, RN**  
Interim Dean and Professor



## Nursing School Goal: \$20 Million

USD's Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science drives the main supply of nursing faculty in Southern California, helping to educate the next generation of nurses when they're needed more than ever before. Our efforts ensure that we make a difference not only in California, but in communities across the United States and around the world.



Endowed funds provide permanent sources of revenue to support faculty, academic programs and student research that directly enhance discovery and the creation of new knowledge. We have already raised \$2.2 million in gifts to augment the school's array of endowed funds.



The new Betty and Bob Beyster Institute for Nursing Research, Advanced Practice, and Simulation, which opened in 2016, was the principal campaign goal of the Hahn School. Doubling the school's teaching and research footprint on campus, the Beyster Institute is a national model for lab training in nursing education. Additional capital improvements, program support, technology and equipment needs round out the school's campaign objectives. To date, \$14.2 million has been raised toward our capital projects and program support goal.

**The Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science has nearly exceeded its overall Leading Change campaign goal and continues to welcome generous gifts to address its ongoing needs.**





# Innovative

## Learning Benefits Students

*The Dickinson Nursing Simulation Center (DNSC) is a state-of-the-art facility in the new Betty and Bob Beyster Institute for Nursing Research, Advanced Practice, and Simulation.*

**N**amed in honor of a generous gift from the Donald and Elizabeth Dickinson Foundation, the center serves as the cornerstone of the Hahn School of Nursing's clinical teaching programs, and its research on clinical teaching and learning. Here students enjoy a safe environment to learn, practice, and sharpen critical thinking, decision-making and procedural skills.

The center includes a lecture hall/lab, surrounded by hospital patient beds on its periphery, an adjacent hospital nursing station and individual acute and primary care rooms. Video cameras and microphones in all areas document student performance.

Simulation as an educational technique uses a created situation that allows students to experience a representation of a real-life

event. Such training provides a bridge that helps to integrate and apply theoretical classroom knowledge with clinical skills in practice.

Clinical simulation encounters are learning events in which trained faculty facilitate curriculum-based learning with students who interact with case-trained patient actors in videotaped clinical scenarios. Clinical competency exams are held once per semester.

These are individual, timed, high-stakes testing events in which students interact one-to-one with a patient actor. All of these encounters and exams are recorded and videotaped for future instruction and debriefing sessions.

USD is the only nursing school in Southern California dedicated to the graduate education of nurses and, importantly, one of the few in the nation using simulation methodology and standardized patient assessment throughout all nursing programs to evaluate clinical competency. As a profession, nursing is moving toward the goal of incorporating simulation-based assessments for registered nurse licensure. Our graduates will be well-prepared for these types of licensure and specialty examinations. — **Cheryl Butera, PhD, APRN**



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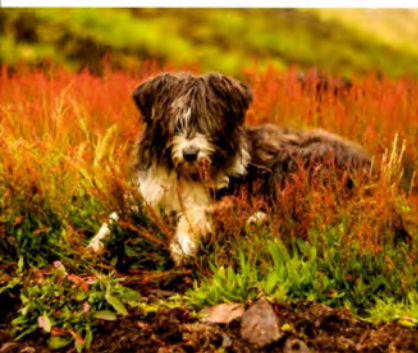
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"They wake up with the sunrise, they go to bed with the sunset. It's all just incredibly bare-bones. But they're able to sustain their lives given what's around them, and they don't want for anything."





**It's a very long way from the** small town of Marshall, Michigan, to the breathtaking stark isolation of the Peruvian Andes. Marshall is where Eric Ebner '11 (BA) has his roots, raised by an attorney mother who worked for the county representing abused and neglected children, and a physician father who took each of the Ebner boys on a mission trip for his 16th birthday.

Eric's was to Peru, which seems to have captured his heart. "It was kind of a coming-of-age trip in our family," he remembers. "It influenced me to love the culture."

That mission trip left such an impression that he went on to major in Spanish at USD, with a minor in visual arts. Last spring, he quit his job at a medical

man with a mouthful of silver, revered in his community as the Potato King.

"To be honest, I don't even know if he knows how old he is," Ebner says. "He can't read or write. He can barely speak Spanish." Julio and his neighbors speak Quechua, an ancient dialect used by the Incas for thousands of years. They live in adobe huts they built themselves, with no electricity. Don Julio's water supply flows down the mountain and into his house through a makeshift piping system. His wife Rosa weaves the colorful traditional clothing his family wears, and they subsist mainly on a diet of potatoes, chicken, lamb and guinea pigs. Their way of life is ancient and the mountain climate is punishing.

ing successful new species at various altitudes made him famous among mountain communities. Over time, he sextupled the 60 varieties of potato that his father had left him to more than 360. Word of his agricultural aptitude reached Moises Quispe Quispe, who had also grown up in the mountains, but had gone on to earn a PhD and head a non-governmental organization dedicated to promoting and developing indigenous farming communities in the Andes.

"You can have endless degrees, but if you don't know the land, you don't know its environment," he says in the film.

With Quispe Quispe's help and encouragement, Julio began traveling to city markets

lucky break arrived when Quispe Quispe invited Julio to participate in a slow food festival in Italy. He wasn't allowed to import raw potatoes, so he brought his son's richly colored thick-cut chips instead. They sold out in two hours, and Julio took home 2,000 euros. That's when he began to truly appreciate the monetary value of his produce, Quispe Quispe says. And Hernan's potato chip business took off.

"Our community of Pampacorral is very proud of my son. He is an entrepreneur," Julio says with obvious satisfaction. "He has shown there is a market for farmers beyond just selling at local markets. The trade can be modernized."

Finding a modern outlet for



device company and teamed up with his brother, Aaron, who co-founded the Andean Alliance for Sustainable Development and has been living in Peru since 2009.

They raised \$10,000 through a Kickstarter campaign and produced a stunning documentary film about a legendary potato farmer, a tiny indigenous enclave nestled high on a mountainside amid the clouds, and a precious way of life that could soon be lost. Via sweeping vistas of the snow-capped Andes and visuals so rich you can almost feel the texture of soil sliding through your fingers, *Opening the Earth* introduces us to Don Julio Hanco Mamani of Pampacorral, a weathered

"It's just very harsh in every sense of the word. The wind is strong, the rain is strong, it's really cold or it's really hot. They get frost every night and when the sun comes out it burns your skin. But they know nothing else and it doesn't seem to bother them," Ebner says. "They wake up with the sunrise, they go to bed with the sunset. They capture the heat in their mud brick homes. It's all just incredibly bare-bones. But they're able to sustain their lives given what's around them, and they don't want for anything."

**Julio didn't set out to become** a world-renowned potato farmer, but his almost magical knack for evaluating soil and develop-

and entering his eye-catching produce in local contests. He always placed first.

"I developed much motivation to make something out of this ambition," he says.

Meanwhile, most of his six children left the mountains, the farm and the traditional way of life, more interested in earning money and finding material success than in safeguarding their legacy. Only one son — Hernan — sought to perpetuate it; not by farming, but by making potato chips.

For three years, he scraped by in a two-room apartment in Peru's capital city, Lima, sleeping on one side of the wall and slicing and frying potatoes on the other. Hernan's

an ancient way of life might well be the key to sustaining it. But why we should worry about sustaining someone else's tradition is a profound question that Ebner's film, with its soaring beauty and evocative imagery, endeavors to at least try to answer. For one thing, he argues, Julio's varieties could potentially save the planet from another catastrophic potato famine.

"He grows more varieties of potatoes than the U.S., China and the U.K. combined. He is essentially crossbreeding species that most people have never seen in their lives," Ebner says. "The top five varieties of potatoes in the U.S. account for 73 percent of all our products."





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Pests and plagues can easily affect that. Essentially, he's providing a security blanket by diversifying our bets against ourselves and against Mother Nature."

**In truth, there's an idea that's** even bigger here, something that surprised both Ebner brothers as they got to know Peru's indigenous farming communities more intimately. It has to do with our society's narrow definitions of poverty and happiness, and whether a genuine desire to help may actually be misguided.

"We want to look at poverty differently," Eric says. "What if it wasn't defined by a dollar a day or two dollars a day, but

that have financial resources and looking for a technical fix, it's really about listening, learning, and trying to understand other peoples and other knowledge systems."

Guerrieri admits that he's always excited to see former students go out and do projects of this nature, particularly when they collaborate in a respectful and mutually beneficial way.

"As teachers, we never know how much impact one class may or may not have on a particular student's future, but it's always great to see what our students do when they go out in the world."

Listening to others and learning from them was what Eric seemed to do naturally as a student, says Andy Cross, a lec-

in Spanish," he says. "And at one point, when I was studying abroad in Buenos Aires, I realized that the only thing that really mattered in the long term was being able to create something of value, help others, and express myself at the same time."

Today, Julio Hanco Mamani's gorgeous potatoes are sought after by some of Peru's most celebrated chefs. Virgilio Martinez Veliz, co-owner of the internationally renowned Central Restaurante in Lima, uses them in his cutting-edge menu, which features and promotes indigenous Peruvian ingredients. A meal at Central costs hundreds of dollars and reservations are taken months in advance.

But despite his growing

least some viewers that cars and houses are not what make us happy, and that cash is not what makes us rich.

"As I was in Peru, I really began to look at these people as role models," Eric says.

"They have everything they could ever want or need right at their fingertips. Friends, family and purpose. If we adopted more of their values and mindset, we would be a more well-rounded and happy culture ourselves." It's a message he believes will resonate with anyone who sees the film. And if it inspires audiences to make even small changes in their own lives, he'll be pleased.

At USD, Eric's former professors will be looking on with a mixture of pride and optimism.



by how sustainable someone is? Maybe instead of trying to help these people with our own philosophy and our own way of thinking, we could learn from them. Maybe in fact they are filthy rich and we are thinking about it wrong."

The film makes that point quite effectively, says Kevin Guerrieri, associate professor of Latin American literature and Eric's former teacher.

"Instead of viewing this community as poor simply because they don't have financial or economic resources, it discards that approach and looks at the group's strengths and the resilience," he says.

"Rather than seeking to link these communities with others

turer in the Visual Arts department who taught Ebner photography and new media and has kept in touch with him since. He remembers Eric as an old soul, sincere and genuinely interested in what his classmates had to say.

"He's always wanted to have some sort of influence or shed light on difficulty," Cross says. "He doesn't force change on people; I think this medium of film is a way of getting people to absorb ideas visually without being dogmatic."

And if that's what his work actually achieves, then Ebner will have fulfilled at least two of his early goals as an undergraduate at USD.

"I knew I wanted to be fluent

fame and success, Julio's life in the Andes remains simple. You can almost smell the fresh earth and feel the rough skin as the camera catches him gripping handfuls of freshly picked potatoes, showing off their widely varying shapes, hues and shades.

"I want to work, but I'm getting old," he says. I just don't have the same strength I used to. If anyone can continue this work, I would love to help them." Rosa, also featured in the film, adds wistfully, "No one wants to work the land. The youth say that if you work the land, you can't buy a car or a house."

The Ebner brothers are hoping their movie persuades at

"I'm not surprised," Andy Cross says. "I see him as very dedicated. I believe he's going to keep pushing and looking for bigger platforms for the voices he's trying to showcase."

After spending months in the mountains, immersed in Julio Hanco Mamani's family, community and existence, Eric Ebner is most eager to hear what the star of the film thinks of the finished product.

"He doesn't necessarily trust outsiders. Especially foreigners because he's been burned in the past," he says. "But he really allowed us into his life. I think he'll be very proud." 🇵🇪

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# IN BLOOM

GRADUATE NURSING STUDENTS FIND THE  
PATH TO COMMUNITY  
BEGINS WITH BUILDING TRUST



*by*

JULENE SNYDER

**T**he aroma is fantastic, a heady blend of clove and pepper and cinnamon, punctuated with a hint of vinegar. It's blessedly cool inside, in contrast to the blasting midday heat that bounces off parking lot asphalt. A burst of contagious laughter welcomes newcomers. The savory/sweet scent evokes a familiar hominess, crumpled napkins and empty plates provide evidence of a recently devoured meal. It smells like community.







**A**ndrea Burger '18 beckons to an empty chair. "Don't mind us! We're in a food coma," she calls out. "We eat insane amounts of food."

This particular feast was courtesy of resident Abtesam Bedam. "I made kabobs, pickles and Iraqi samoon," she says. Apparently, that heavenly fragrance emanates from the seven-spice blend that goes into the kabob meat, meant to be served tucked inside flatbread along with tomato and a slice of homemade pickle. Delicious.

Gatherings like this have become familiar. Every Friday, a small cadre of USD Master's Entry Program in Nursing (MEPN) students, led by Clinical Instructor Jodi O'Brien, PhD, RN-BC, NE-BC, make the trip from Alcalá Park to El Cajon and get up close and personal with residents. The project is part of a class — Nursing Practice with Care of Diverse Families in Communities — that aims to "see how folks live and manage their health," says O'Brien.

It's part of the program requirement for MEPN students to put in clinical hours that include not just hospital experience, but community work.

"This low- and affordable-income apartment complex is a new site for us," explains O'Brien. "There's low turnover here, and many of the residents are refugees and immigrants. Naturally, the families have cultural preferences when it comes to diet."

Quick to see a need and do the work to fill it, the dearth of options in this neighborhood "food desert" organically led to the idea of establishing a community garden. "There were lots of patio plants around doorways — mint, tomatoes, cilantro — so many that it could have been a fire hazard," says O'Brien. But making the idea reality hasn't been without challenges.

"It was quite an endeavor. We

had no budget, so we got creative. We wanted to get the residents involved early on. We held a community meeting and asked them, 'What would you like to see grown? Who does the cooking at your house?' There was a lot of excitement right from the beginning."

Linda Sue Beagle, the complex's community coordinator, says the project has been a huge success.

"A garden is something that's

building in the complex. A half-dozen large raised boxes — some painted in primary colors — are home to plants in various stages of growth: zucchinis, tomatoes, herbs, carrots, even a few stalks of corn. A pair of sturdy wooden benches beneath shade sails run between the two rows of boxes.

"Mariam and Mohammed come out here almost every evening and enjoy the coolness and

a quick smile and a rapid-fire delivery, eager to share stories of how they got here from there.

"We let parents know that if they had kids who needed help with homework, or if the parents needed to run to the store, they could go ahead and leave the kids with us. We wanted to make our faces known, to let them know that we're nursing students from USD."

And it worked. Week by week, residents started to get involved. "At one event, a lot of people came up and talked to us about personal health issues and struggles," Colletta recalls. "Mohammed came in and we took his blood pressure. And we did a reconciliation of his meds with him, which was really important, because his blood pressure was sky-high, really dangerously high. Now that he's getting his blood pressure checked here regularly, it's doing much better."



**T**he human connection is what drew these students to pursue a career in nursing. "I've loved science my whole life, especially human sciences," says Evan Gum '18, who had fully intended to become a physician when he started his undergraduate work at UCLA as a psychobiology major.

"But about two years into it — after I'd done some shadowing of doctors and talked to professors who had gone that route — I felt that it wasn't going to meet the needs of what I wanted to do in health care."

Articulate and radiating a sense of optimistic thoughtfulness, Gum is one of the 10 percent of males in USD's MEPN program. "I really enjoyed spending time with nurses at the hospital, and I saw how much time they spend with patients. Honestly, 95 percent of a patient's time in the hospital is spent with nurses. So I changed

essential to everybody's life. It's a way we can come together." She adds that the resident children have been a big part of their efforts.

"Three girls filled up a wheelbarrow about 10 times to fill up one of our garden boxes. These are fifth- and sixth-grade girls, using their muscle power for the common good."

Mariam and Mohammed Ahmadi have become regulars in the garden, which is tucked out of sight around the back of the last

the green space," comments Beagle. "It's really brought people together; the children, in particular, have been helping with pest control. They even kept caterpillars as pets to see how they change and grow."

Morgan Colletta '18 is ebullient when she talks about the how far this community-building project has come. "We did a lot of outreach, knocking on every single door and explaining who we are, what we're doing, what are goals are." Colletta has



my direction and started looking into nursing."

His natural affinity for putting a human face on health care dovetails nicely with the group's work to leave a lasting legacy with apartment complex residents.

"Many of them have trouble understanding what advice they're being given, what advice they should take or seek," says Gum. "The ones that come to us aren't so much looking for straight nursing advice, but are seeking the tools they need to get answers. We want to show them things like, 'This is how you get the advice you need. What did your provider say? Did you talk to them about this?' A lot of times, it's that kind of empowerment that people need. 'This is what you should talk about, and this is what you should feel comfortable being able to say.' We help them find the right questions to ask."

Trust is key to getting residents to get to the point where they are not just seeking advice, but following it.

"We spent a lot of time with the kids this summer," Colletta explains. "In the beginning, they wondered, 'Who are these people?' But we started to show up with food, and tailoring things for them, like, 'We'll take your blood pressure.' Monitoring health issues that they might have, and tailoring things for the kids, then people really started coming around."

Colletta has an authentic openness that makes her instantly likeable. She laughs, amused to find herself again returning to the subject of food. "Two weeks ago, Ruby, one of the girls that we love, her mom made us her special molé sauce. We've gotten a taste of all of these different cultures, and the truth is, we all eat insane amounts."

She's smiling, but the truth is that shared meals and conviviality have been a crucial part of build-

ing trust. "The relationships are slow and steady, but they've blossomed over time."

**W**hen Ruby makes her entrance after school, it's with a carton of candy bars, a fundraiser for an upcoming trip to a local water park. At \$1 per bar, the price is right, and in truth, it has been 30 full minutes since lunch. Five min-



utes later, another \$10 has been added to her cache. There's clear affection for the fifth-grader, the oldest of five kids. She wants to be a doctor when she grows up. Her favorite plants growing in the garden? "Tomatoes, lettuce and carrots," she says with a shy smile.

"One of the original goals with the garden was not only to create an area for the residents to have an area to come together, but also to talk about healthy eating," explains Gum. "We want to have them think about long-

term ways to maintain their own health, while instilling good habits in their lives."

O'Brien is in the beginning stages of drafting the research protocol for a participatory action research study. "It's a qualitative research method to investigate health outcomes of the garden, as identified by the residents living in this community setting," she explains. She points

graduation, a new cohort may see this project through a different lens and offer its own innovative ways to collaborate with the residents."

As the afternoon begins its slow descent toward twilight, the temperature cools and the group splinters. A few head off to knock on doors to talk to residents about the evening's forthcoming event about disaster preparedness. Others head out back to assist in prepping a new garden container for planting. A pair stay behind in the community center to prep the room for the guest speaker, clearing away debris and putting together orange buckets filled with items that might be needed in an emergency.

While everyone is busy with various tasks at hand, all of the students have a poignant sense that the end is in sight regarding their own involvement with the center. Once coursework and other requirements for the 22-month MEPN program wrap up, the students will sit for their licensing exams and scatter to launch their new careers.

"Since we'll ultimately be leaving here in December, one of our main concerns is, how can we keep this going?" says Briana Krenson. "The key is getting and keeping residents involved, since Dr. O'Brien won't be bringing another group of students in until next summer."

"At the end of the day, it's not about the clinical aspect," adds Colletta. "It's about focusing on what matters and what people need in this particular community."

But first, there is dinner to finish preparing. On the menu is homemade pumpkin soup with crème fraîche and pomegranate, alongside roasted pumpkin seeds and fresh fruit.

And once again, it smells utterly delicious. 🍂

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# HE'S WALKING THE WALK

*by Don Norcross*

Leaning in to hear Forrester proves worth the effort, because the 30-year-old is a fascinating study: He's a doctor, former Torero linebacker under Jim Harbaugh, and man of the world, having practiced medicine in Milwaukee, Palo Alto, Nepal and Ethiopia.

Jared's pivot to medicine was gradual. Football injuries that resulted in three shoulder surgeries, plus two operations to re-attach his pectoral muscles, piqued his interest. A summer college job unloading cargo in 120-degree trucks convinced

At Stanford, the residency program for general surgeons lasts seven years, five in clinical study, two in professional development. Forrester has completed two years of clinical study. His professional development has taken him to Ethiopia, where he's working as a research fellow for the Lifebox Foundation. A nonprofit charity based in the United States and United Kingdom, Lifebox works to implement sustainable changes that raise the safety



little bit of the language, culture, and ask people what their biggest frustrations are. Then find creative solutions.”

In Ethiopia, those frustrations include medical accountability plus resource constraints that Americans would find remarkable, like the lack of adequate roads just to reach a facility and access to reliable electricity.

One of the biochemistry major's professors at USD was Dr. Peter Iovine, his organic chemistry instructor.

“One of the things which stood out about Jared is that he was very confident with his hands, which is something that's important in organic chemistry,” said Iovine. “He carried himself with self-confidence and an ability to think on his feet.”

Iovine, in fact, suggested to Forrester that he consider quitting football and practice chemistry research in his lab. While Forrester did later perform multistep organic synthesis research for Iovine, he never quit football.

In fact, he remains fascinated with Harbaugh, who went on to coach at Stanford, the San Francisco 49ers and now Michigan. “The most intense person I've ever been around,” he says of Harbaugh.

To this day, Forrester still hears some of Harbaugh's mantras ringing in his ears: “Attack this day with enthusiasm ... Who can possibly have it better than us? ... Iron sharpens iron.”

Forrester reflects on an Amharic phrase, which roughly translated means, “Slowly but surely, the egg will walk on its legs.”

“This is part of the journey of how to go about learning to provide global surgery care,” he says. “And it's my own journey of life, to learn and grow along the way.”

## 1950s

[1958]

**MICHELE (GENNETTE) LITTON**

(BA) volunteers at St. John the Apostle in Leesburg, Virginia, where she leads Bible study and a widow's group, the Next Chapter, and teaches English as a second language.

## 1960s

[1963]

**ATILANA RAMBAYON (BA)** has been a longtime volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and Gawad Kalinga in the Philippines. “I donated one hectare of land for one GK village in honor of my late son-in-law, Cmdr. Willie McCool, USN, pilot of the space shuttle Columbia that perished on Feb. 1, 2003,” Atilana says. “The GK McCool village has been in existence since 2006; 33 houses for the poorest of the poor in Moncada, Tarlac, Philippines. I also love planting trees at our Guam parks.”

**ELOISA (SANCHEZ) THOMPSON**

(BA) reports that she and her husband, Robert, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 26, 2017.

[1965]

**PATRICK BARRY (BS)** is enjoying retirement and making African trade bead jewelry as a creative outlet. He is an active member of the Art Alliance of Idyllwild, California.

**MARY WILLIAMS SCHALLER**

(BA) competed in the May 2017 Ice Skating Institute Regional Skating Competition, dancing on ice to the Spanish dance from *The Nutcracker*. “Since I was the only person competing in the over-70 age group, I got the gold medal,” Mary says. “It has been an award-winning season for me, as I also won a national award for the American Heritage Nonfiction Essay sponsored by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. I received my award at the DAR's national convention in Washington, D.C., in June 2017. Am now resting on my laurels in our new apartment at Greenspring Retirement Community.”

[1966]

**JOHN BAXTER (BA)** reports that he and his wife, Katherine, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 19, 2017.

**GLENN (LAMB) MCCOY (BA)**

writes, “I turned to full-time writing after retirement and just completed my second novel. Love the writing, hate the selling.”

**VERN SCHOOLEY (JD)** was honored on July 27, 2017, when the Long Beach Inn of Court in California added his name to the organization's title, the Ball, Hunt, Schooley American Inn of Court. The other namesakes are the late Joseph A. Ball, attorney for the Warren Commission, and Clarence S. Hunt of Ball, Hunt, Hart, Brown and Baerwitz. Vern served as president of the organization for its first 10 years and has continued to provide support in many capacities. He is a partner at Fulwider Patton LLP, West LA, where he tries patent and trademark cases and prosecutes matters before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

[1969]

**STEPHEN RONALD CLOUD (JD)**

still lives in Fresno, California, where he runs his late parents' two companies. Steve says he always remembers the great times he had with his fellow Class of 1969 law students and hopes all are doing well.

## 1970s

[1971]

**JOSEPH MARINO (BA)** retired from his work as a radiologist and lives in Miami.

[1972]

**ROSANNE (MCGILLICUDDY)**

**HEILIGER (BA)** writes, “God has blessed me with a beautiful family of six (four girls, two boys); three sons-in-law, one daughter-in-law; and 26 grandchildren (so far). Now that I have retired, I get to spend lots of time with them!”

**LEONARD JONES (BA)** reports that he recently completed a second master's degree.

[1975]

**GILBERT CARRASCO (BA)** and his wife, Iryna Zaverukha, plan to teach as part of the LLM in Human Rights program at Ukrainian Catholic University in the spring of 2018.

[1976]

**DARLENE TEMPELTON (BA)** recently completed her 35th year as a

and quality standards for global surgery and anesthesia.

“I think the time is now to capitalize on the growing interest in surgical care in order to make a difference,” says Forrester.

He's found Ethiopia fascinating.

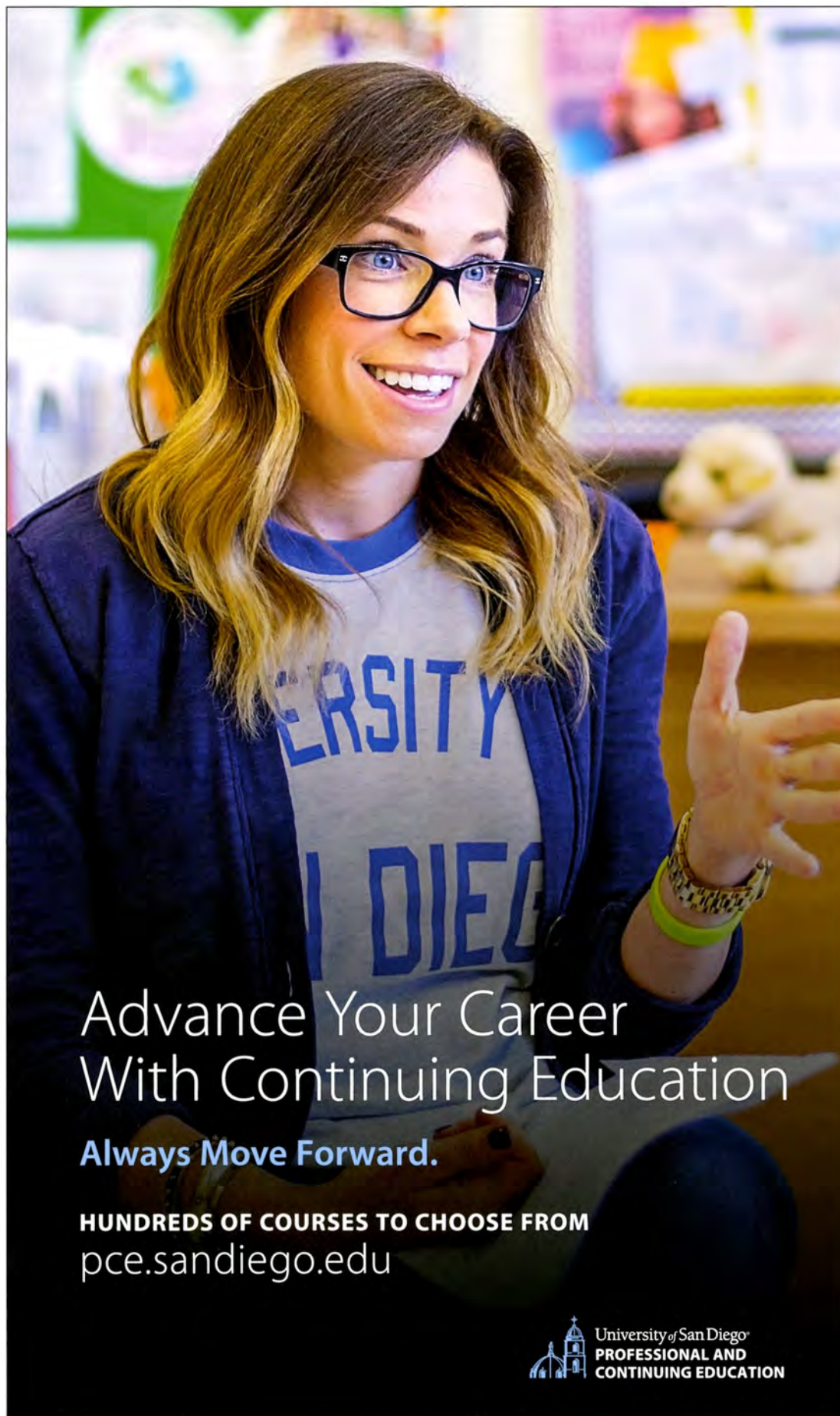
“Ethiopian people are incredibly warm and welcoming and open, especially when you're there a decent amount of time.”

By late September 2017, Forrester had lived in Jimma and Addis Ababa, the national capital, for nearly 11 months combined. In a country of 80 languages, he communicates via the national language, Amharic.

“I can get around the city and order food,” he says.

He found the imperialistic approach to global surgery — “We have all the answers, go there and try to impact them with our wisdom” — to be the wrong approach. “It's better to learn a





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religion and AP history teacher at Catholic Central High School in Springfield, Ohio.

**[1977]**

**CHRISTINE BOLOGNA (JD)** notes that she and John were looking forward to their 40-year School of Law reunion in October 2017, and visiting with their son, Jeff, who is a senior mechanical engineering major at USD as well as a member of the Naval ROTC.

**RUQAYYAH CURTIS (BA)** reports, "I am a proud grandmother of four, just started my own nonprofit organization and starting my PhD in the fall!"

**THERESA DE LA TORRE (BA)** writes, "Still running an entomology lab. Working on bioacoustics at the moment." She plans to retire in a few years and drive around the country.

**[1978]** 🎓

**MICHAEL STRODE (BA), '80 (MBA)** was appointed to the board of directors for Lee and Associates Commercial Real Estate Services in Riverside, California. He also reports that his son, Connor, is attending USD as a freshman this year and is a punter and receiver for the football team.

**[1979]**

**DOROTHY KETTEL-KNESKI (BBA)** works for a financial planner and also for Tommy Bahama in Vero Beach, Florida.

## 1980s

**[1980]**

**RANDALL FONG (MEd)** completed his 17th year as a college counselor at Sacred Hearts Academy in Honolulu, Hawaii.

**[1981]**

**RICHARD HUSSEY (JD)** says his novel, *The Hedgecock Friasko*, was published in 2017 and it has received honorable mention at the Los Angeles and San Francisco book festivals. It was awarded finalist in the thriller category of the Next Generation Indie Book Awards and finalist in the Indie Excellence contest.

**[1982]**

**CHERYL BRIERTON (JD)** reports that, since her retirement as a San Diego Superior Court litigation attorney, she first volunteered as an



EEOC mediator and now as a tutor for U.S. citizenship students at San Diego Community College.

**YVONNE (DUARTE) HAND (BA)** received an award from the San Diego Paralegal Association for 41 years of service to the legal industry.

#### [1983] 🎓

**ANNA MARIA GRUNE (BA)** is a senior architectural coordinator and project manager in Hawaii.

**MARIA BRIGHTBILL SHUMAN (BA)** and her family moved back to her hometown, San Francisco, after 22 years in Boulder, Colorado. She also moved from the field of law to school library services and is the librarian at Katherine Delmar Burke School.

#### [1984]

**TATIANA JIMENEZ (BA)** reports that her oldest daughter is a first-year student at the University of Central Florida in Orlando.

#### [1987]

**FRANK MOSTERT (BBA)** and his wife, Sandra, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in November 2017. They have two sons: Willem, a junior at the University of Oregon, and Justin, a senior at El Segundo High School in California.

#### [1988] 🎓

**JOSE AGUINAGA (BA)** has a new job as the dean of library and instructional support at Rio Hondo College in Whittier, California.

**LAURA FREDERICK (BA)** works in Papua New Guinea to extend financial services through digital means to people living in rural areas.

**MICHAEL McCABE (JD)** recently welcomed his sixth grandchild. He adds, "Soon to be featured as one of the best functional organic home gardeners in San Diego."

**CAROL NORMAN (BA)** is the director of dining at USD. She has participated in drowning prevention efforts in the state of California since 2010 and is working with Sen. Josh Newman and his staff in passing Senate Bill 442, The Pool Safety Act.

**CHRISTOPHER WELLBORN (JD)** was appointed parliamentarian of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) at the as-

sociation's annual meeting in July 2017. As a sole practitioner, Christopher is devoted to trial work in state and federal courts, and he advocates in appellate courts as well. He joined NACDL in 1994 and has participated on the board of directors since 2010.

#### [1989]

**AMY FROIDE (BA), '90 (MA)** is a professor and chair of the Department of History at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. She recently published a new book about female investors in the first stock market: *Silent Partners: Women as Public Investors during the Financial Revolution, 1690-1750* (Oxford University Press, 2017).

## 1990s

#### [1990]

**BARBARA LEEPER (BA)** earned a PhD from the University of Colorado in 1996 and is a medical writer for a medical communications company. She reports that she lives in the Boston area with her husband and daughter.

#### [1991]

**CHRISTINA JOHNSON (BA), '93 (Med)** writes, "Thrilled that my daughter, Abigail Lombardo, is now a graduate of USD's Class of 2017. I am now teaching first grade at St. John Vianney Catholic School in Spokane, Washington."

#### [1992]

**LAURA BOCHNAK (BBA) '94 (IMBA)** lives in Woodland Hills in the Los Angeles area and is a managing director of supply chain at Accenture. "Traveling and enjoying time with family and friends," she adds.

**DAVID KRIPPNER (BA)** served for 10 years as a business analyst, financial analyst and business intelligence analyst. He is seeking the next opportunity in a similar field.

**ROD MATHESON (EdD)** reports that his wife, Alyson Caouette '95, retired this year, so they were both retired by the fall of 2017. "Hope to do some traveling and visiting friends around the world," he says. "We also hope to get back to San Diego to visit friends there."

**ERIC MILLS (LLM)** retired as vice president with Pacific Life Insurance Company after a 35-year career as a tax attorney and corporate executive in the insurance industry. Eric's daughter, Alena Kaye, graduated from USD in 2017 and is in her first year at USD's School of Law.

#### [1993] 🎓

**JOSH DeSILVA (BA)** moved back to Maui in Hawaii in 1996, where he owns and operates a corporate event planning business. Josh reports that he is married and has three children. "Still surfing and enjoying music," he says.

#### [1994]

**TARA OSBORNE MEICHTRY (BA)** is the principal broker at Oahu Land Company, where she sells residential real estate in Waikiki, Hawaii. She reports that she lives in Kahala with her husband, who she met in San Diego during college. She has a daughter who is a sophomore at the University of Southern California and a son who is a senior at Punahou High School. He is interested in attending USD.

**BRIAN POWERS (BA)** reports that he and his wife, Elizabeth, celebrated the arrival of their second child, Bo Patrick, on March 17, 2017. Brian also was promoted to vice president of sales at Salesforce.

**DANIEL SULLIVAN (BBA)** reports that he enjoyed "skiing the biggest winter I can remember at Squaw Valley and making wine in San Francisco."

#### [1996]

**LARRY PEREZ (Med)** is the director of student involvement and an instructor at Barry University in Miami. "Enjoying South Florida and the great culture, weather and beaches," he says.

#### [1997]

**KATY (McCANN) PATERSON (BA)** returned to the United States last year with her husband and son after living overseas for 10 years in Australia and Singapore.

**NOEL VALES (JD)** joined Robinson+Cole's Real Estate + Development Group in New York. In this position, Noel focuses on real estate finance and affordable housing finance. He has experience

in multiproperty, multistate real estate finance transactions, financial transactions for affordable housing projects, acquisition and disposition of real property, and representation of landlords and tenants in the leasing of office, retail and warehouse space.

#### [1998] 🎓

**KAREN RAND (BA)** writes, "I discovered synchronized swimming here in San Diego and compete with other master's-level swimmers."

## 2000s

#### [2000]

**SCOTT BERGEN (BA)** and his wife, Nicole (Angle) '02, bought their first house. "The kids haven't gotten out of the pool yet," he says. "Nicole started a new company and we're back in the sunshine of SoCal after almost eight amazing years in San Francisco."

**NATALIE ZHANG (LLM)** has been running her own practice focusing on international business law in the Bay Area for 10 years.

#### [2001]

**R.J. MARTIN (BA)** completed a PhD in 2013 at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. While in graduate school, he saw a need for affordable and sustainable housing for the island's residents and, over the past nine years, he developed Green Homes at Lualualei, a community of 25 homes. R.J. enjoys the ocean, practicing yoga and serving as a lecturer for college history courses in his free time. Find a story about R.J. on page 36.

#### [2002]

**DAVID BLAIR (MS), '07 (EdD)** retired in March 2017.

**JESSE HINDMAN (JD)** left the partnership of DLA Piper in April 2017 and founded Hindman APC, which focuses on civil litigation and trial. Located in Emerald Plaza in downtown San Diego, the firm handles business and intellectual property disputes, personal injury lawsuits, and insurance-related lawsuits involving denial of coverage and bad faith.

**BRANDIE (BRAMSEN) SINHA (BA), '06 (MSRE)** graduated from Pepperdine Law School in 2005 and then returned to USD to earn





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# CHANGING PARADISE

**Building affordable, energy-efficient homes in Hawaii**

by Andrew Faught

**T**he numbers illustrate the extreme financial challenges of home ownership on a tropical island paradise: the median home in Hawaii costs \$605,000, nearly \$100,000 more than a comparable house in San Diego.

R.J. Martin '01 (BA) is hoping to do his small part to bring relief to island dwellers, whose residents, due to their isolation, also pay nearly 30 percent more on household items than does the rest of the country.

Over the past nine years, Martin has developed Green Homes at

Lualualei, a community of 25 energy-efficient homes reserved for first-time home buyers who meet HUD affordability requirements. The last residents moved into the homes, some of which overlook Oahu's Ulehawa Beach Park, in September. By year's end, he's planning to bring to market three more homes that will get electricity through Tesla's Powerwall, a rechargeable lithium ion battery.

"I'm always thinking about how I can make communities, neighborhood and housing that will increase the quality of life," says

Martin, who does his part for the environment by riding his bike and recycling. "All of those things make people happier and healthier on a daily basis, and that's what drives me."

Building his development has been challenging. Hawaii, Martin says, has done little to encourage new home construction. Further, the state lags behind the rest of the nation in encouraging sustainability, he adds.

"I feel like most people have a perspective of Hawaii as this progressive, green place where

everybody recycles and eats fresh fruit from their gardens when, in fact, Hawaii is decades behind California in terms of sustainable practices," Martin says. "That was one of the first things that was glaringly obvious when I moved here 14 years ago."

Martin has battled to make Green Homes at Lualualei a reality. Due to the state's construction challenges, he was turned down for a \$2 million loan from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corp., which is charged with creating affordable housing. He also was rejected by numerous banks. Martin pursued the project only after promising contractors that he'd pay them later.

Green Homes at Lualualei were priced between \$250,000 and \$328,000 for two- and three-bed-



room dwellings. Larger models topped out at \$456,000. Martin bought the 3-acre parcel from equity he earned from selling his previous Ewa Beach home. Investors helped with additional costs.

The neighborhood, with help from its residents, is dotted with native plants. It's a paradise of Martin's own making.

"I always knew as a kid I was supposed to live in Hawaii," adds Martin, who moved to the state in 2003. "I just loved always being in the water, and I was a beach lifeguard in San Diego. To be honest, graduate school was an excuse to move to Hawaii, albeit a legitimate one. As soon as I got here, I knew I would never leave."

He earned a doctorate in American history from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and has since taught World history at the University of Hawaii at West Oahu. But real estate has never been far from his mind. Martin is the son of two public school teachers; his father also was a Realtor.

"I see the world around us in terms of real estate and values and construction," he says.

It was at USD where Martin, an English major, developed new ways of thinking about the planet he walks. He took an environmental ethics class from Mark Woods, associate professor of philosophy, who left his protégé questioning his place in the world.

For Martin, developing affordable homes has become less about making money than doing what is right.

"I don't think I'm single-handedly going to change the world," Martin says, "but at least I feel like I'm moving things in the right direction." 🌱

an MSRE. Brandie practiced law in Arizona until 2011, when she and her husband moved to Hong Kong. "I retired from the practice of law at age 30 and now spend my time traveling the world," she says. "I have visited 26 countries, averaging around 20 trips a year. I have found success is best measured by happiness." Brandie writes a travel blog at [skippingwithicecream.blogspot.com](http://skippingwithicecream.blogspot.com).

#### [2003] 🎓

**MATT FREEMAN (BA), '06 (MA), '13 (JD)** recently founded Matrix Law Group APC with Chris Heim, a fellow Class of 2003 alumnus.

**CHRIS HEIM (BBA)** started a new law venture, Matrix Law Group APC, with fellow USD alumnus Matt Freeman.

**STEFAN O'GRADY (JD), '03 (MBA)** is a partner with Rahn Muntz O'Grady LLP, a boutique litigation firm in Los Angeles and Orange County, California, specializing in trust and estate litigation.

#### [2004]

**CAPT. JACQUELINE RYCH-NOVSKY (PhD)** retired from the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps on April 6, 2017, after 27 years. She is now the vice president of research and public policy for the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses.

#### [2005]

**DOUGLAS FENNER (EdD)** retired from his position as a chief information officer with the federal government on May 30, 2016, after 33 years of public service (military and federal).

**CRAIG HENRICKSEN (IMBA)** was promoted to vice president of marketing at Kinestral Technologies. After 10 years of working in product development with brands like Bose and iRobot, he joined Kinestral with the goal of revolutionizing the glass industry. In his new role at Kinestral, he is leading the team launch of Halio, a smart-tinting glass product that enables building occupants to change the tint of the glass on demand, or automatically, to block heat and glare in real time.

**JONATHAN NOWLING (BBA)** relocated to Temecula, California, with his wife and three children. He also has a new position managing sales and marketing for Micropure Water Systems.

**CHIKE OUTLAW (BA)** is an account manager for Waste Management, the country's largest recycling company, and USD is one of his accounts. "I am working with the Office of Sustainability to increase USD's waste diversion and find new and innovative ways to decrease the university's landfill impact," Chike says. "I also welcomed my first child, a baby girl, to my family in June."

**HEATHER (BROWN) STARK (BA)** reports that she and her husband, Ryan, welcomed their first child, Andrew Winter, on Dec. 6, 2016. He was born on their two-year wedding anniversary. Heather works in the Office of Admissions at San Diego State University.

#### [2006]

**STEVE GONZALEZ (Bacc), '06 (BA)** is the assistant controller at 1111 Roof Top, a restaurant group in Miami Beach, Florida. "Followed my dream of the restaurant business after graduating as an accountant," he says. "Sorry Big 4."

**SCOTT MARTINEZ (JD)** joined the law firm of Snell and Wilmer LLP as a partner. He leads the Government Relations, Regulatory and Administrative Law Group in the firm's Denver office.

**PAMELA ROSS (BA)** reports that she graduated from the SMU Dedman School of Law and a week later, she and her husband, Michael, welcomed their daughter, Joy, who is now 6. In 2012, Pamela started All for the Family Legal Clinic, a nonprofit serving the San Francisco Bay Area. Today, the firm includes five attorneys and offers help in the areas of family law, restraining orders, landlord-tenant, probate and estate planning. Recent honors have included being named to the California Rising Stars List by Super Lawyers; selection as one of the Top 10 Family Law Attorneys Under 40 for Northern California; VLSC Volunteer of the Year; District 20 Woman of the Year in Law; and Law Firm of the Year Distinguished Service Award by the ACBA.

#### [2007]

**KRISTIN DONAHUE (MA)** is a licensed marriage and family therapist and is working as a clinician for the Psychiatric Emergency Response Team with the San Diego Police Department.

**ELIZABETH RODRIGUEZ (BBA)** started working at Booz Allen Hamilton in January 2016. She reports that she was married in April 2016 in San Antonio, Texas.

**NANCY SLAVIN (MA)** graduated from The Episcopal School for Deacons in Berkeley, California, in May 2017. She earned a BA in Diaconal Studies.

**KRETSNA TOTRESS (BBA)** reports that she is a wife, mom and medical billing manager.

#### [2008] 🎓

**JENNIFER LAGEDROST CAVENDER (BA)** reports that she married Carr Cavender '11 on Oct. 1, 2016. "We are happily living in South Park (San Diego)," she says. "I have opened my own business as a boutique floral designer called Nectar & Bloom, creating for weddings and special events in San Diego."

**JESSICA CRANCE (MS)** was part of a group featured in an Associated Press story about federal researchers studying critically endangered North Pacific right whales in the Bering Sea. A NOAA Fisheries research biologist, Jessica was one of the researchers on board the Ushin Maru 2 when two whales were spotted, part of the eastern stock of just 30 to 50 of these remaining whales.

**AMY ENGLISH (BA)** was recently awarded a British Empire Medal by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for her services to promote U.K.-U.S. relations during her time at the British Embassy in Washington, D.C. Amy now lives in southwest France and reports that she married Gary Brooks, contracts director at Airbus, in August 2017 in France.

**BECKY HAMES (MA)** has a new job as manager of external affairs for the Computer Science and Engineering Department at the University of California, San Diego.

**EMILY HAMMETT (Bacc), '11 (MS)** writes, "I left the corporate world to develop Club Pilates in Orange County and haven't looked back." The firm has three locations with another expected to open at the end of 2017. Emily also has product development nearly complete for a new venture and plans to launch a brand-new business.



**TONY KRZMARZICK (BA)** reports that he and his wife, Rebecca, recently relocated to Cleveland, where they both found jobs in high school campus ministry. Tony is the campus minister at Saint Ignatius High School, a premier Jesuit high school in the United States.

**CLAUDIA LLAMAS (BA)** writes, "I love USD and feel at home each time I visit campus. I will always be grateful for the precious memories and knowledge I acquired thanks to this great institution."

#### [2009]

**JASON COPE (BBA)** lived abroad for two years in England and Southeast Asia while completing his MBA. He then lived in Los Angeles for four years, where he worked in commercial real estate. He recently moved to Orange County, California, where he is working in the mortgage business with a prominent lender.

**ARIANNA (CORONA) GROVE (BA)** says that she and her husband, Thomas, recently purchased a house in Westchester County, New York.

## 2010s

#### [2010]

**AMI (HASTINGS) BEHAR (BA)** reports that she married Alex Behar in April 2017 in Los Angeles. Ami completed a Master of Health Information at the University of Southern California; she is the manager of health information management at Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

**ELIZABETH CAMPBELL (BBA)** is a Realtor with Pacific Sotheby's International Realty in San Diego.

**NICHOLAS HULWI (LLM)** joined Best and Flanagan LLP in the firm's private wealth planning practice group. He will focus on estate planning, estate and trust administration and business succession planning. As a certified valuation analyst, he will help clients who need business valuation in their estate planning. Prior to this position, Hulwi was an attorney with the Internal Revenue Service for nearly six years and national tax manager for Eide Bailly LLP.

**MEGAN KUSH (BA)** reports that she graduated from Boston College School of Theology and Ministry with a Master of Divinity. She expects to begin working as a chaplain at St. Francis Memorial Hospital in San Francisco.

**UPENDRA MALLA TARA (MAPJ)** worked in the development sector for many years and reports, "Now, I am determined to start my career in peace and justice by using my skills and knowledge in this sector."

#### [2011]

**ALANA CALISE (BA)** accepted a position in October 2016 with Pathfinder International, an organization that envisions "a world where everyone has access to contraception, where there are zero new HIV infections, where no woman dies from preventable pregnancy-related complications, and where everyone leads a healthy sexual and reproductive life."

**JEFFREY DAVIS (BA)** is an assistant coach and club manager for Nova Fencing Club in Falls Church, Virginia. "When I am not fencing, which is rarely, I am cycling all the trails of Virginia or finding the best brew around!" he says.

**ELENI DEMKO (BA)** reports that she and her husband were married on May 20, 2016, in Olowalu, Maui. "In our spare time (and as second jobs), we run Maui Olive Company," she says. "We tend the orchards he and his father planted, which now produce Hawaii's first olive oil!"

**MO HAMIDIDDIN (BBA)** is helping public sector institutions save money by modernizing information technology infrastructure and security.

**JENNIFER MATSUMOTO (BA)** attended graduate school at Parsons: The New School for Design, started the Matsumoto Studio design and paper goods company with her sister and fellow USD alumna, Jes Matsumoto, and teaches in the Department of Art, Architecture + Art History at USD.

#### [2012]

**CLAIRE BEHRENDT (BBA)** has been living in the Bay Area since graduation and works for Cisco Meraki managing programs and events for the engineering team.

**REGINA GRIFFING (BA)** works for USD in the Office of Parent Relations.

**SARA JOHNSON (MAPJ)** returned to San Francisco from Zambia and has been running her own consulting firm working with social enterprises and foundations.

**KAELA McCABE (BA)** went to Creighton University School of Law and now lives in Lincoln, Nebraska, where she is a judicial law clerk for the chief justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court.

#### [2013]

**JESSICA ANDRADE (BS)** reports that she received a master's degree in fisheries science at Oregon State University in 2017. Since then, she has continued to research fish behavioral ecology as a laboratory technician for her graduate adviser at Hatfield Marine Science Center.

**HANNAH DIXON (BA)** is on the employee benefits team at Intuit, where she provides benefits to the employees who have special needs family members. "I love it!" she says.

**LISA HAWTHORNE (PhD)** was recently promoted to dean for the School of Nursing and Graduate Nursing Studies for National American University.

**ERIN LOPEZ (BA)** is in graduate school at MD Anderson Cancer Center.

**TONI DeGUIRE PARKER (BA)** reports that she married Justin Parker on June 10, 2017, outside of Austin, Texas. Four out of her six bridal attendants are USD alumnae and several other USD alumni were in attendance at the wedding.

**KYLE RYAN (JD)** recently started a new job as special assistant United States attorney.

**GINA SOTELO (MSGL)** lives in Miami, where she is a software solutions executive for CDW, overseeing the South Florida market. Separately, she has creative side projects in the works.

#### [2014]

**TAYLOR CABALSE (BA)** and Michael Perkins '13 met at USD and

they got engaged in October 2016 when they were in town for USD Homecoming Weekend. They plan to be married at The Immaculata in March 2018. "We fell in love while at USD, got engaged in San Diego, so it only makes sense to continue that and get married on campus."

**KELSIE MACKIE (BBA)** started Keliki, her own line of tropical resort wear, and opened a retail store one year ago on the Waikiki Beach Walk. At the time of submission, she noted that she had plans to open a second retail store on Maui in 2017. Kelsie's exclusive line of custom prints can be purchased at [www.keliki.com](http://www.keliki.com).

**KANANI MEHEULA (BBA)** reports that she has worked full time at USD since graduating, first in the Ahlers Center for International Business and now in the International Center.

**KATHERINE PFOST (BA)** graduated from Belmont Law with a JD degree and a certificate in entertainment law and music business.

**ROCÍO GARZA TISDELL (MSGL)** is the program director for internships at Wellesley College in the Career Education division. The group's work was recently recognized by the National Association of Colleges and Employers and in the 2017 EduVentures Summit Innovation Awards. Rocio develops internships that go beyond job training and traditional networking to reinforce students' personal, academic and professional growth while facilitating their discovery of their role in society. Rocio reports that she lives in Natick, Massachusetts, with her husband and daughter, now 2 years old.

**ANGEL TORRES (MSGL)** began a new career after the military as director of business development for Peritus Consulting in Chicago. He is in his last semester at Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.

**HUGO WERSTLER (BA)** works in the writing program at USD. "So proud to represent and serve my alma mater," Hugo says. "Go Toreros!"

**LESLIE WILSON (BBA)** recently graduated from the Johns Hopkins



School of Advanced International Studies with a Master of Arts in International Relations. "I am now working at the Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration doing trade and investment policy work on Mexico and Canada."

#### [2015]

**TAYLOR GLOGIEWICZ (BA)** is a student at The George Washington University Law School and she is working at Covington and Burling LLP.

**VICTOR GUADARRAMA (BBA)** works at a real estate education company, where he is part of the live events team and travels one to three times per month. Since graduating in December 2015, he has traveled to 26 new states and 43 new cities.

**CHRISTOPHER NGO (BA)** works at a health care tech startup in San Diego, where he started as a business development representative and was an integral part of the testing and development of the sales strategy that secured the firm's funding. The company is expanding its sales team.

**KIMBERLY WOODBURY (BS/BA)** graduated from the Operations Rotation Program at Thermo Fisher Scientific in Carlsbad, California. She accepted a permanent position as a sourcing specialist for the plastics team.

#### [2016]

**KIRSTEN ANDERSON (MEd)** moved to Louisiana and is teaching art at an all-boys Catholic school in New Orleans. They are creating a new tinkering lab for the young boys, where they will engage in creative STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) experiences.

**JEFFREY HALLOCK (BA)** recently completed a master's degree in migration studies from the University of Oxford and he is now looking for work in Washington, D.C.

**ADRIANNA LAGORIO (BA)** reports that she was recently admitted to The George Washington University at the Elliot School of International Affairs, where she plans to earn a master's degree in security policy studies.

**JESSICA LEON (BA)** is a vendor analyst for Petco Animal Supplies.

**MORGAN MELO (BAcc)** is part of the risk assurance practice at PwC in San Diego. Morgan expected to be in Buenos Aires, Argentina, through January 2018 in order to work on an outsourcing project for the firm.

**MARISSA NEWMAN (MAPJ)** is the data and evaluation manager at the National Conflict Resolution Center. "I am seeking peace and justice in my hometown of San Diego!" she says.

**ADAM WINTERLING (BBA)** writes that he traveled to South Africa after graduation and accepted a position with the Capital Planning group at the Nike world headquarters in Beaverton, Oregon.

#### [2017]

**JESSICA REYES (BA)** is a publications associate with Marsh and McLennan Insurance Agency.

**SLOANE SMITH (BA)** reports that she was appointed a Maddie's Fund Research fellow.

**PAULO SOTIANGCO (BA)** writes that he is "enjoying life and hoping to make a difference here in the city of San Diego by helping fellow Toreros with their endeavors."

**SAM VOGUE (BA)** moved a few weeks after graduation to Boston, after obtaining a position as a community manager at Ivy: The Social University.

## In Memoriam

**ISABEL FLEISHER '78 (JD)** passed away on Aug. 1, 2016, after a valiant battle with cancer.

**FRANK ORLANDO**, who worked in facilities management at USD for 20 years, passed away on Aug. 1, 2017, at the age of 86.

**JEANNETTE RIGSBY** passed away peacefully on Dec. 20, 2017. Dr. Rigsby was a member of the Foreign Languages faculty from 1959 until 1995. The university bids farewell to this longtime teacher, mentor and scholar.



**PROFESSOR EMERITUS REVEREND NORBERT J. RIGALI, S.J.,** passed away on October 4, 2017. An excerpt of a tribute by Todd Salzman '86 (BA), now a professor of ethics in the department of theology at Creighton University, follows:

"Fr. Rigali, or Norb, served as a Jesuit for 70 years and had a long and distinguished career as a professor of Catholic theological ethics at several academic institutions. His longest appointment was at the University of San Diego (1972-2009).

I had Norb as a professor for several classes in Catholic theological ethics when I was an undergraduate at USD. It was largely through his inspiration, kindness, and influence that I decided to pursue graduate studies in Catholic theological ethics.

His mild manner, humility, and generous and kind spirit are what I will remember most about Norb. He truly was a gentleman, scholar and a person for and with others. He will be dearly missed by family, friends, colleagues, and his fellow theological ethicists in the academy. May he rest in peace and may God's perpetual light shine upon him."



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## Grandparents' Weekend

Friday, Feb. 16 –  
Saturday, Feb. 17

[www.sandiego.edu/parents](http://www.sandiego.edu/parents)



## Kyoto Prize Symposium

Thursday, March 22

10:30 a.m. – noon

[www.sandiego.edu/kyoto](http://www.sandiego.edu/kyoto)



## Creative Collaborations Undergraduate Research Conference:

Thursday, April 19, 2018

12 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Hahn University Center

[www.sandiego.edu/cc-urc](http://www.sandiego.edu/cc-urc)



## Undergraduate Commencement Ceremonies

Saturday, May 26 (Undergraduate, Business and Engineering)

[www.sandiego.edu/commencement](http://www.sandiego.edu/commencement)



## Graduate Commencement Ceremonies

Sunday, May 27

[www.sandiego.edu/commencement](http://www.sandiego.edu/commencement)



## Torero Takeover

Saturday, June 9

Throughout San Diego

[toreronetwork.sandiego.edu/takeover2018](http://toreronetwork.sandiego.edu/takeover2018)



## Vintners Dinner

Saturday, July 14

6:00 p.m.

La Gran Terraza

[www.sandiego.edu/wine-classic](http://www.sandiego.edu/wine-classic)



## USD Wine Classic

Sunday, July 15

2:00 p.m.

Garden of the Sea

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